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WSP Releases July 4th Weekend Activity Report

From July 2, 2004, to July 5, 2004, the three-day holiday weekend, there were five highway fatalities investigated by the Washington State Patrol. During the holiday period last year, there were seven deaths on Washington highways investigated by the WSP.

In the hope of reducing the number of collisions, injuries, or deaths, WSP troopers were busy over the holiday weekend enforcing the four core mission areas: DUI, aggressive driving, dangerous speeding, and seat belts. Their efforts resulted in an increase in the number of contacts made this year, compared to last year.

"We are constantly working on making our highways safer through our enforcement and education efforts," said Chief Lowell M. Porter. "Our efforts are making a difference; however, as long as there are still lives being lost on our highways, we will continue to focus on our four core mission areas to increase safety on the roads throughout our state."

4th of July July 2 though July 6, 2004

	<i>All Roadways</i>	2003	2004	Change
1.	Number of Collisions	285	358	26%
2.	Number of Alcohol-Related Collisions	27	31	15%
3.	Number of Fatality Collisions	7	5	-29%
5.	Total Number of Contacts	14,693	14,698	.03%
6.	Number of DUI Arrests	262	272	4%
7.	Number of Speed Citations	3,674	3,584	-2%
8.	Number of Speed Warnings	3,395	3,504	3%
9.	Number of Safety Belt Citations	613	633	3%
10.	Number of Safety Belt Warnings	243	188	-23%
11.	Number of Child Restraint Citations	60	48	-20%
12.	Number of Child Restraint Warnings	43	30	-30%
13.	Drug-Related Arrests	262	105	-60%
14.	Number of Self-Initiated Motorist Assists	1,837	1,469	-20%

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